MHDS Regional Funding



Purpose

This is used to provide needed funding to the Mental Health and Disability Services (MHDS) Regions for non-Medicaid funded MHDS.

Who Is Helped

The MHDS Regions are required to ensure a set of core services are available to adult Iowans with mental illness (MI) or intellectual disability (ID) in the region. MHDS Regions may also fund services in the additional core service domains if public funds are available. The MHDS Regions are responsible for funding services to eligible adults that are not payable by the medical assistance program or other insurance coverage.

Eligible individuals include those who have an MI or ID and who have met financial eligibility requirements as identified in Iowa Administrative Code 441 IAC 25.16.

After the MHDS Region has ensured that core services are provided to individuals with a MI and/or ID, the MHDS Region may provide services to individuals with a brain injury (BI) or other developmental disability (DD), or children with an MI, ID, or DD.

- ✓ MHDS Regions are meeting core service requirements as well as meeting the vast majority of the access standards for those services.
- ✓ MHDS Regions have used their fund balances to add additional core services, such
 as crisis intervention-jail diversion. MHDS Regions have added tele-psychiatry and
 additional service provider satellite offices to increase access to services through
 the region.

Services

The MHDS Regions are required to ensure access to a set of core services for individuals that have a MI and/or ID including:

- Treatment
- Basic crisis response
- Support for community living
- Recovery services
- Service coordination

After an MHDS Region has ensured that core services are available to individuals with MI and/or ID, the region may provide additional core services including:

- Comprehensive facility and community based crisis services
- Sub-acute community and facility based services
- Justice system involved services
- Advanced evidenced based treatment

Goals & Strategies

Goals:

- Support MHDS Regions in making required core services available to their eligible residents.
- Ensure services in the additional core service domains listed in Iowa Code 331.397(6) are available to eligible residents of the MHDS Regions.
- Further reduce or eliminate the need for state cases by providing MHDS Regions sufficient funds to cover current exceptions to residency with their available funds.
- Potentially require expanded services to additional populations.

	Strategy: A process be explored to provide ongoing sustainable funding to MHDS Regions based on the funding need that remains after MHDS Regions and County MHDS fund balances are depleted over time. This process should also consider changes to lowa Code to eliminate state cases (State Payment Program: SPP).
Cost of Services	In SFY17, a total General Fund appropriation of \$3,000,000 was appropriated. \$500,000 is for the Eastern lowa Region who must commit to continue operating as an MHDS Region in SFY17. \$2,500,000 is for Polk County who is required to complete a three-year sustainable cash flow funding plan for the delivery of services in the region.
Funding Sources	State General Funds are used for MHDS Regional Funding in SFY17.
Legal Basis	State: • Iowa Code 426B, 331.424A, 331.397